MR. BLUM: All right. I guess we will start. Good evening, everybody. I hope you can hear me. I have a slight cold so I hope you'll bear with we. My name is Gordie Blum, I'm a community involvement coordinator with the US EPA.

With me I have Mary Tierney. Mary is the remedial project manager for the Lenz Oil superfund site.

And also I have Jerry Willman and Jerry is with the IEPA.

The reason we are here tonight is to accept your formal public comments on the proposed plan for the Lenz Oil superfund site. I want to thank you all for coming. You play an important role tonight in helping us determine the appropriateness of the cleanup.

On my right you'll notice we have a court reporter. She's here to record tonight's meeting verbatim, word for word, and then in a couple of weeks a copy of the transcript from tonight's meeting will be available at the information repositories for your review.

The information repository is a

collection of information, fact sheets and related documents pertaining to the site that you can go and review to find out more information on the Lenz Oil superfund site. The information repositories are located at the Burr Ridge Village Hall, the Lemont Village Hall and also the Downers Grove Township Hall.

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If you look at the agenda, I'll kind of go over how tonight's meeting is going to work because there is a specific format to tonight's meeting. It's called a proposed plan public meeting. How we are going to do it is Mary will be giving a presentation of the cleanup plan and the site history, presenting the cleanup plans and the alternatives.

After that, we'll open it for some questions and answers. You can ask questions pertaining to what Mary went over. We'll try to answer those as best we can. Then after that we are going to open it for what we call formal public comment. During that time, if you want to state your opinion for the record on the cleanup plan, what your opinion is, we are going to ask you do so one at a time, stand up, state your

name and spell it for the court reporter, then you can give your input.

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What we do with that, we won't be answering that tonight, we are looking for your opinion. You can state it as a question, but we won't be able to answer that. What we do is gather all this information, we take it back to our Region 5 Headquarters in Chicago, then in a couple of weeks Mary will be responding to all of your comments in a document we call a responsiveness summary.

The responsiveness summary will be issued with what we call the record of decision pertaining the proposed cleanup plan. If we are going to go with that plan, the record of decision, a ROD, will be made available to you along with a copy of the transcript in the information repositories in a couple of weeks.

We are to the point now in the superfund process where we have done a remedial investigation feasibility study for the last couple of years where we try to determine the nature and extent of the contamination out there. The feasibility study, we say okay, we

have this contamination, we have a couple different technologies we can use to clean up that contamination, and we try to narrow it down to what we think the best plan is. We come forward to the public like we are doing tonight and ask for your input on that. We take that back. As I said, we do a responsiveness summary, issue a record of the decision.

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The next step would be to move into the remedial design where we actually go into doing the engineering designs and actually implementing the remedy, which would be -- that would be the next step after the record of decision which would be forthcoming in a couple of weeks.

So I know that's a lot to absorb right now. Are there any questions right now on what I have went over, some clarification how the meeting is going to go tonight?

If there's not, I think I will turn it over to Mary right now. She's going to go over the proposed plan of the Lenz Oil superfund site.

MS. TIERNEY: Hi. My name is Mary
Tierney. And if I'm talking too softly, please

let me know. Okay? Because I tend to have a low voice. Can people hear me in the back? Okay.

Just let me know if I start to go to my normal voice.

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Mary Tierney, I am the remedial project manager for the Lenz Oil site. And most of you are probably familiar with the general area. This is the location of the site which is the pink rectangle in the middle of the screen. Behind there where you see going north-south, there is I-83 and Jeans Road, that east-west road that Lenz Oil is located on.

If you went over I-83 heading south and looked to your left, you would see a really tall radio antenna, but it's really hard to see the site from I-83. It's at a much lower elevation. You really would have to go down and turn left on Jeans Road to see it. It's basically a grassy field. It's not something you would instantly recognize as a contaminated site.

What I'm going to do tonight primarily is go through a number of different options we have taken a look at and that we hope that you'll submit comments on if you have an opinion about

one or the other or would be supportive of one or the other as opposed to the rest.

What I'm not going to do is spend a lot of time justifying why we are taking an action. I think there are probably some of you here who believe no action is justified at this site, we really shouldn't be cleaning it up, we shouldn't be spending money out there.

If you've sat through a meeting where we talk about that, I'm sort of skipping that part of it because we have done the investigation, we have found contaminants out there, we have decided there is a human health risk out there. So we then take a look at different options we can do, so I'm going to skip that.

A big part of the reasons for that type of decision is related to an evaluation of the risks to human health and to the environment.

And there are people who spend their entire careers working on the risks. It's a really convoluted topic. I am not an expert at it at all. And if a group or an organization you have would like to have a presentation about the risk and how the risk is evaluated, we could probably

arrange to come to your organization and talk about that, because it's a big topic in and of itself. So I'm just going to run through the different options to make sure people understand the cleanup alternatives we took a look at, so feel free to interrupt me if something is not clear. And then if you have more general questions, too, and you are not sure where it would fit in, you can feel free to ask them.

Maybe if it's sort of off the topic, we can meet after the meeting and talk about it.

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So to continue on, that's the Des

Plaines River and beneath it is the ship and

sanitary canal. The Lenz Oil site is only about

four acres in size or five or ten or something

like that. You can go to the next one.

This is not a very informative slide when it gets reproduced like this. In fact, I don't think it's really of any use. The Lenz Oil site is on that side. You can see the old I-83 cutting down across the screen and the railroad cutting the other way.

The Lenz Oil -- what I had hoped to show on the slide, this is an aerial photo from 1985

and on the original photo you can see how many tanks are on the site, you can see the drums and the containers. And what I wanted to show was that that little parcel of land was really packed with tanks and containers of every size. So you can go ahead.

In 1986, the Illinois EPA initiated some work to clean up the site because they went out to the site, there was oil standing on the ground. So in '87, what they did was they dug out the soil on the majority of the site and that's the part you see in the tan right there. And they excavated that area and they incinerated it so they backfilled it so it's level again. So that part was clean. Then we went back to see what remaining contamination was out there.

water, which flows beneath the ground about five or six feet, there's a layer of oil that's floating on it. And the area that you see in pink up there is the area beneath the ground that's covered with oil that's floating on the ground water. And the term that relates to the ground water source is aquifer, which you may

have heard of. So that is the extent of the oil.

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And one acronym they use, I will probably slip up and use it is LNAPL. Basically that refers to the oil that's beneath the ground. It stands for light, nonequeous phase liquid, it refers to the fact that oil does not mix with water. This oil is lighter than water so it's actually floating on the aquifer.

So for this cleanup, our focus is on that pink area and how to remove it. The oil itself contains high concentrations of a number of different compounds. It contains high levels of metals and also compounds, too.

You can go alead. This little diagram might give you a little bit better idea of how this works. That's a cross-section. You can see the trees on the ground surface. The LNAPL, the oil was originally on the surface or close to it and what happens is it soaks into the ground and it begins to migrate downward. And the line that you see going across beneath the ground, that represents the level that ground water is at.

And it hits the ground water and when it's a

light oil like this, it basically starts to float along with the ground water. And then if -- so contaminants dissolving in the ground water, they are going to end up entering ground water, there will be a contaminated plume coming off that.

That's not actually the Lenz Oil site.

That's a generic diagram. This is not a really helpful diagram. Let's see.

Well, what you see is a cross-section of the ground. The dotted layer in the middle represents the oil layer and then the diagonal lines represent portions of the oil that sort of are trapped in the soil itself.

And just to give you an idea of the type of problem we are looking at, the dotted area which is the oil is a lot more easy to get out of the ground if you are trying to pump it out than the oil that's represented by the diagonal lines because that's what's trapped in the pores of the soil and, you know, the soil's hanging onto it. That's the tough part right there.

This shows you a little bit more about how this oil behaves beneath the ground. When there is a low water table during the dry season,

it's sort of like the picture on the left beneath the ground. You have the dotted layer which is the oil, that's pretty cohesive and more like -- it looks more like the real thing. And then you have a little bit of smearing in the soil above and below. When there's a lot of rain, when you have a lot of rain that pours down, what happens is you start smearing that oil a little bit more, I mean it's broken apart and it's dispersed throughout before it settles back down into the ground water.

Okay. In looking at the site, we went through many, many different cleanup options because it's not a straight-forward contamination problem to deal with. It's not very easy. So we took a look at a number of options. These were the five that ended up being the most viable. That's why there are some numbers missing, because the other ones we ended up dropping out of the running.

So we have number two, which is actual collection trenches in the ground. Number five which is collection trenches, but we have an electric pump there so you are trying actively to

pull the oil out. 9A and 9B deal with you going out there and digging it up. And 9A treats it in a different manner than 9B. Then Alternative 10, vacuum-enhanced recovery which is sort of an upgraded pumping system where you are trying to pump the oil out and you are also trying to catch the vapors that are coming out from beneath the ground. I just noticed a slide is missing. And Alternative No. 11 which is in place, low temperature thermal desorption.

I'm going to be explaining these more thoroughly. Number 11 is you leave the contamination in place, you place heating rods in the soil and you treat it that way.

This is a factor that's very important to both the EPA and to the public and to the people cleaning it up, too. These are the costs, the estimated costs of all these cleanups and none of them are cheap. They are all millions of dollars worth of work. The estimates range from 5.9 million for Alternative 2 up to 18.36 million for Alternative 9B which was the one that involved excavating, digging everything out and treating it with thermal desorption.

LNAPL containment and partial recovery via passive collection, that would be parallel to the Des Plaines River and this would -- we'd be recovering this oil for about 30 years those trenches would be in place. We'd also be encountering ground water in the process and we'd have to pump that ground water off separately, make sure it was clean, then send it to the sewer system. If it wasn't clean, we'd have to treat it first before sending it to the sewer. The estimated percentage of LNAPL removed in this alternative is 10 to 20 percent and the cost again is 5.9 million.

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This is No. 5, active recovery. And in this situation -- oh, just to point out, the private companies that have been funding this work and that have been financing it and doing the work, their consultants that did a lot of work to put this together are here.

If I make a really horrible error, you can feel free to interrupt me. Ron Frehner is in the back of the room.

MR. FREHNER: My name is Ron Frehner,

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F-R-E-H-N-E-R, with a company called CRA. And my comment was that in Alternative 2, it involved collecting the oil without pumping water. That's the only difference between what Mary said and what we had in our report.

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MS. TIERNEY: Okay. I think it's sort of a matter of how we describe it differently. But that is true, what he's saying. We are not going to be pumping ground water out. There is going to be like incidental ground water, water that may accumulate. That's what I was referring to.

MR. FREHNER: Water during construction. The alternative is ground water collection downstream from the passive collection system.

MS. TIERNEY: Okay. Right. So that is important to understand, that it's not that we are going to be pumping volumes and volumes of ground water out. It's going to be more incidental during construction and then we might see some down gradient, too.

So that was number two we were referring to. And it's also true for this one, right? I'd

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like to clarify that one with you. But this collection of ground water, I basically have that through almost every alternative.

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MR. FREHNER: 5 does involve collection of ground water.

MS. TIERNEY: I see, so that's your distinction. So this is the same trench method with active pumping over a ten-year period. The pumping would be happening just during several months of the year. Percentage LNAPL recovered, 30 to 50 percent; cost, 10.3 million.

9A, excavation and solidification, this is what the EPA is recommending as the primary alternative. And let me stop right now to explain why, if you've gotten the proposed plan that we sent out, it appears as though we were recommending three different alternatives. And I can answer questions regarding that.

Let me try to explain it as simply as possible. 9A is the alternative we're recommending. Very late in the game we found out information about two other alternatives which may be very appropriate for the site. We didn't have the chance to really look into those and see

if they would work at the site. So what we ended up doing was saying okay, let's recommend 9A, but these other two alternatives which sound promising, we would like to do studies before we start any cleanup. So we are going to check into these other two +o see if they would work as well and they should cost less than this one, too. So that's how this three-remedy cleanup approach recommendation is working.

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This is the primary one. It basically involves getting out there with a bulldozer and excavating the area which is about two acres. What we dug out would be mixed with stabilization agents which can be a variety of substances, that can be Portland cement or limestone. What we would do before the cleanup started was we would take some material from the site to a laboratory, mix it with all different kinds of combinations of agents, see which one or which mixture was best suited for it. So whatever we have found was best, that's what we would use to stabilize it. That stabilized material would be put back on the site north of Jeans Road and the proper cap would be put on it.

Ground water, what this bullet refers to is a collection of ground water that we would encounter during construction. We wouldn't be pumping volumes of it. LNAPL recovered, 90 to 99 percent theoretically if you are going in, digging it out; and 12.5 million is the cost.

Okay. I just have a few or one slide on solidification. This was in the proposed plan. You can see the backhoe digging the stuff out in a unit on site. We would be adding the actual Portland cement or whatever we had discovered was the best agent, mixing it. And then it doesn't actually look like boxes of material as it's depicted here, but the stabilizing material would then be put on the site for long-term storage.

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MS. CARUSIELLO: Elva Carusiello,

C-A-R-U-S-I-E-L-L-O. I was wondering how you are

going to deal with the emissions during the

excavation period, the exposure to the

construction workers.

MS. TIERNEY: That's a good question.

The construction workers that would be on site

digging would have to wear protective equipment.

1 They would be in the white suits. They would 2 more than likely have to wear a mask with air 3 filters on it at least. They may upgrade if we 4 find out there's quite a few emissions out 5 there. They might have to put an air pack on 6 like scuba gear. And basically we would have to 7 cordon off the area if the emissions were bad. 8 So just the construction workers with the 9 protective equipment would be there. 10 MS. CARUSIELLO: You won't expect it to 11 affect nearby streets or traffic? 12 MS. TIERNEY: No. We would be doing air 13 monitoring to make sure. It shouldn't be a 14 problem. 15 REV. BERGMARK: How deep is the 16 excavation doing gown? Reverend Glenn Bergmark, 17 G - L - E - N - N B - E - R - G - M - A - R - K. 18 How deep is this excavation going down? 19 MS. TIERNEY: I believe about 12 feet or 20 so. 21 REV. BERGMARK: What about what's down 22 below that, all the way down to where we have 23 well sources? There's a house nearby, so forth,

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so on.

1 MS. TIERNEY: Right. Right now it looks 2 as if -- well, the oil is floating on the ground 3 water which is sort of a blessing because it 4 hasn't traveled down. So right now we are thinking 12 feet is all we have to dig down to. 5 But are your concerned about wells that 6 7 are deeper than twelve feet? 8 REV. BERGMARK: Yes. 9 MS. TIERNEY: Wells that are deeper than 10 twelve feet, we have not found contamination at 11 depth. Okay? So those wells are okay. 12 REV. BERGMARK: Are those wells we dug 13 in 1987, '86? 14 MS. TIERNEY: Municipal wells? REV. BERGMARK No, test wells that we 15 16 dug when we did the first remediation. 17 MS. TIERNEY: I am not totally 18 familiar. 19 MR. WILLMAN: Jerry Willman, Illinois 20 EPA. The question is being asked, as I 21 understand it, if I am not understanding, please 22 let me know, is the wells that we installed back 2.3 in 1987 and '88 and after that even around the 24 areas where we did the excavation and around the

areas where we found this floating oil, have we found contamination in those wells?

I think that what Mary is trying to say, below twelve feet where we have this oil, we found relatively clean ground water, ground water that's very near the Illinois EPA standards.

And, also, in areas around the places where we have done the excavation and around the area where this oil is we found the same thing. The ground water wells that we have installed and done sample analyses have been very close to the standards. And the contaminants that are slightly above our standards, we feel that we are going to be monitoring those after the remedy and seeing if those are just a cause of our sampling method or whether there actually is contaminants above the standards.

We both believe there are. Our wells are very close in proximity to the excavation and to the oil, floating cil. So anyone that was, let's say, 100 yards away from this area, we have not found any contamination whatsoever. We have sampled some of the private residential wells just across the street, down the way to the

1 north -- I'm sorry, to the southeast and found no 2 contamination in those wells. REV. BERGMARK: Those are shallow wells, 3 4 right? 5 MR. WILLMAN: I believe those residential wells are around 30 to 40 feet, I 6 believe. I'm not sure. Then also the wells, the 7 8 test wells we put in were around those depths as 9 well and even deeper some of those, and we found 10 no contamination in those deeper wells. 1 1 MS. TIERNEY: If you have like a 12 specific well that you were concerned about --No. 1.3 I was familiar with REV. BERGMARK: there were 13 different wells that were dug at 14 the time. 15 16 MS. TIERNEY: Okay. We put in more, 17 too. 18 REV. BERGMARK: Yes, I understand that. 19 MR. WILLMAN: I would like to clarify, 20 There is a well right across the street 21 from the site and that well is contaminated, and 22 this floating oil is very near to that well. But 23 what I'm saying is if you move about 100 yards in

any direction from that specific area that we are

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looking at now, we have relatively clean ground water.

REV. BERGMARK: Those would be the wells I would be concerned about.

MS. TIERNEY: Okay.

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MR. LAYA: Laya, L-A-Y-A. I was just wondering, when you talk about recovery, 90 to 99 percent in this particular alternative, you are not actually recovering it, you are -- it's still there, right?

MS. TIERNEY: Okay. Good point, really good point. Yes, we are going to be like getting our hands on that much of it. And in this case, 9A, we are going to be stabilizing it. Yes, it's still there, it's mixed with stabilizing agents. In this case, this is an actual treatment, it's low temperature thermal desorption. It involves heating to a really high temperature, not to the point of burning it, but it's going to drive those contaminants off. So this is more permanent than the other ones.

Anyone else?

MR. WILLIAMS: Alvin Williams. My mother is on the corner house over there. You

1 are talking about wells that are only 30 feet deep. Her well is 160 feet deep and you could 3 not drink the water. Now, you tell me the contamination is not down there? 5 MS. TIERNEY: That's the one well that 6 Jerry was referring to as having oil in it. 7 MR. WILLIAMS: It's 160 feet deep. do you do with that well; dig down 160 feet 8 9 down? 10 MS. TIERNEY: No. I believe the 11 situation there is that the well may be very 12 deep, but the area from which it draws water is 13 really, really long, too. So I don't know if you 14 have ever seen a well put in, but there's like a 15 screen, you know, right? There's like 16 indentations and that's how the water flows into 17 the well and is pumped out. 18 From what I understand, that screen, 19 your mom's well is very long at the point that 20 it's also open to the shallow ground water. 21 Do you know about that, Jerry? 22 MR. WILLIAMS: It has 110 foot of casing 23 down. 24 MS. TIERNEY: Do you know when it was

put in?

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MR. WILLIAMS: That well was put in -that was dug twice. The first time they put it
in was 1950 what? It had to be '53. The first
time it was put in was 1953. I think the well
was about 80 feet deep at that time. Then of
course Glen started dumping all that garbage in
the ground. Then we had the well driller come
back, he went down 160 feet, he drove casing all
the way down practically. The well was good.
Now afterwards, after he kept dumping, dumping,
dumping, the well water was all contaminated 160
feet down.

MS. TIERNEY: When was that second well put in?

MR. WILLIAMS: The second well was put in what, about 15, 20 years ago. No, not that long ago. At least 20 years ago.

MS. TIERNEY: Okay. Ron, if you want to address that.

MR. FREHNER: Ron Frehner again. There was a well that had oil on it and we had a contractor go in and pull that well, pull the pump from the well and seal that well. Now, they

There's one must have two wells on the property. 1 well that's been sealed about a year and a half 2 ago. It did have oil on it, that oil was removed 3 4 before it was sealed. MS. TIERNEY: Is that the one you are 5 6 referring to? 7 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. 8 MS. TIERNEY: We can get back to you. 9 It sounds to me like it was a cracked casing. 10 MR. FREHNER: That's what we figure. 11 There is a number of deeper wells that we monitor 12 on a regular basis that do not show the 1.3 contamination below 12 foot depth, that's the 14 shallow aquifer. Then there is the deeper ground water system, the deeper ground water system is 1.5 16 clean. 17 It is not uncommon to have what appears 18 to be deeper wells that are dirty. It's usually 19 a surface problem. Leakage, that's what we 20 attributed this problem to. Not that there's a 2 1 problem 160 feet depth, no evidence of that. 22 MS. TIERNEY: That is a good question. 23 MR. WILLIAMS: Is the well sealed right 24 now?

1 MS. TIERNEY: Do you want to talk more a
2 little bit after the meeting, so we can go on or
3 do you still have a question?

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$$  WILLIAMS: We can talk more after the meeting.

MS. TIERNEY: All right. People might get restless.

MR. WILLIAMS: The oil is now 160 feet.

I know you are not going to dig no 160 feet

down.

MS. TIERNEY: No.

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MR. WILLIAMS: My personal belief is even like 15, 20 years ago, there wasn't a worm to be found on that ground. Now it rains, there's worms all over that place. So that means the ground is being flushed out and it's got to be going somewhere.

And in the same token you are talking about this particular piece of ground here, I was born and raised down there, right across the street from where Lenz was, they dumped all that garbage in that creek over there. They ran all the way down on the other side of 83. Why isn't there nothing done over there? That creek

doesn't -- there used to be -- we done a lot of fishing in that creek down there when we were kids, we went all the way down. That creek used to be full of fish. And when Lenz was over there, forget about it, there was nothing in there. I personally can't believe how so much of this oil could come this way and not run down the creek.

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MS. TIERNEY: Right. I see what you mean. We did some sampling. Are you talking about the creek that runs along where the junk yard is?

MS. TIERNEY: Alongside the railroad.

MR. WILLIAMS: That's right. It goes down along the railroad tracks, it goes to about maybe three-quarters of a mile or so, then it turns, comes into the river.

MS. TIERNEY: We did do sampling in that area. And I mean if you wanted to point out on a map after the meeting where it is, you know, while we are out there, we might take confirmatory samples which means we go and sort of resample just to make sure. I know we did do sampling right by the Lenz site. I don't think

we went to the junk yard.

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2 MR. WILLIAMS: We have one on the other 3 side of the railroad.

MS. TIERNEY: No, there.

MR. WILLIAMS: That's where all this stuff used to run down that creek.

MS. TIERNEY: It is a good point. I think you probably understand, too, that there have been a lot of from other industries that have moved in since that time. The ditch takes a lot of distress other industries. It may not be totally Lenz Oil. But after the meeting, if you'll point out the section, we can do some sampling.

MR. WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. But for many years, even in my mother's property down there where all those trees are growing there now, you couldn't even grow grass in there.

MS. TIERNEY: What was growing there?

MR. BLUM: I hate to interrupt here, but for right now we have to move on with the more general proposed plan issues, then we'll be going back to questions and answers. We have to get to the formal public comment period. It's required

by law. We need to do that. We can go back and discuss these particular specific issues that might not pertain to everyone else.

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I am not trying to be rude. We have to move along. We only have so much time. I appreciate it. Thank you.

MS. TIERNEY: We can pick up on that.

Let's try to get through this. I know some people want to go see President Clinton's address to the nation.

We'd only be digging 12 feet. No, we won't be digging 160 feet. Then we would be treating it. 18.6 million.

Vacuum enhanced recovery, this is one technology that we learned about later, like very late in our study of all the different options.

It looks really promising. And I have a few slides to show you what it is.

Basically you have wells, you are trying to pump out the oil, you are also trying to capture the vapors that are coming off the subsurface. So what this would involve is 30 below-ground extraction wells, approximately 30. We'd be operating them for about five years,

catching the vapors. Collection of ground water, incidental, right?

MR. FREHNER: Yes.

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MS. TIERNEY: The percentage LNAPL is not quite clear. This is one thing we are going to be studying before we select the three top cleanup options. But we're thinking right now you can get 50 to 80 percent of the oil out. And the cost that we have estimated right now is 9.3 million.

There are a few slides on vacuum enhanced recovery, we call it VER. This slide just shows you that -- what it's supposed to show you is you have one well, you are taking LNAPL out and also you are going to be treating water.

And this just gives you a general idea of where all these wells would be on the plume area. This is the area of the LNAPL. Again that's Jeans Road going through the center of the screen. And so there are all these wells which would be below the ground, they would be flush with the ground and spaced like that.

 $$\operatorname{\mathtt{And}}$$  this is Alternative No. 11 that I forgot to put on that last time. This is another

alternative that we learned more information about later on in the process. It looks promising. We are going to look into it during the predesign studies. And you'll hear it referred to as in situ low temperature thermal desorption. In situ is the Latin term for in place in the ground, you don't move it. You might hear it pronounced like in situ, too. I have just decided to try to use in place.

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What this would involve is these heating rods, these thermal wells that would be drilled into the ground would heat the LNAPL, the oil, the contaminants in place and we would be extracting the vapors that come off and treating them. This would be operating for about a year. Ground water would be checked and treated, if necessary. It would be just during construction we'd probably encounter ground water. Percentage LNAPL treated, the contractors -- the vendors who have promoted this technology believe that it can treat 90 to 99 percent of the oil. We wouldn't actually be taking the oil out. In this case we would just be treating it. It would stay in the ground. And the cost is 7.3 million, though

we're checking on that cost. It may be slightly lower or slightly higher.

MR. WILLMAN: One clarification, if I might. We are actually cleaning up the oil beneath the surface instead of actually digging it up as we would under Alternative 9A or instead of actually sucking it out with vacuum hose as we do with Alternative 11 -- I'm sorry, Alternative 10 which is called the VER.

In Alternative 11, we are actually putting the rods in, heating it up. What happens is it gets hot enough, turns to more of a gas and then we would have collection systems placed above the ground where we collect that gas. It turns into more of a vapor and more of a gas. We would suck it up to the surface. We'd have like rubber mats on the surface collecting it as it came up from below the ground surface.

So in a way in Alternative 11, we are baking it in place and it makes it hot enough not to burn, but hot enough to become a vapor, hot enough to become a gas, come up to the surface where we can collect it without actually having to dig it up.

1 MS. TIERNEY: So that's true. So this 2 would be similar to Alternative 9B which was the 3 expensive 18.6 million one except in 9B we would 4 be digging it up, then using this treatment. And 5 with this new technology, we would be treating it 6 in the same manner while it was in the ground. 7 MS. CARUSIELLO: How do you trap the 8 metals, the chlorinated and the compounds? 9 MS. TIERNEY: The chlorinated should 10 come off as a gas. Metals, I'm not sure. 11 this would be -- the technology experts would 12 address that. It's mainly VOCs and 13 polychlorinated biphenyls. 14 MR. BLUM: Please state your name and 15 spell it for the court reporter. 16 MR. BIELAWSKI: Allan Bielawski, 17 B-I-E-L-A-W-S-K-I. I just wanted to know what 18 the basis for the cost is, if you can expound on 19 that? 20 MS. TIERNEY: We can get you more 21 information about that. The two main components 22 of it are the actual treatment and also the 23 de-watering of the site. 24 MR. BIELAWSKI: You mentioned you were

1 going to be looking into it a little bit more 2 deciding whether it was high or low. Do you know 3 what additional work you are going to do, when 4 you are going to share that information? 5 MS. TIERNEY: Yes. We will share it. 6 We received your questions about it. And so we 7 are going back to make sure that cost is okay. 8 And, you know, we will be letting you guys know. 9 MR. TAMELING: My name is Pete Tameling, 10 T-A-M-E-L-I-N-G. The question I have is how many 11 wells would be placed and what would be the 12 distance between one to another? 13 MS. TIERNEY: Well, actually can you hit 14 the next slide? It will give you an idea. They 15 are fairly close together. You can go ahead. 16 This is just an example shot. I'm not really 17 sure what the scale on this is, but it may be the 18 same kind of density as you saw with that other 19 overview shot with all the wells in. 20 So, yes, you have wells fairly closely

So, yes, you have wells fairly closely spaced. And you can see here there's also a geomembrane, a plastic that covers in between spaces. I'm not sure of the exact spacing.

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MR. FOODY: My name is Rich Foody,

1 F - O - O - D - Y. 2 Has the in situ been used previously at other LNPL sites? 3 MS. TIERNEY: At other LNPL sites? 4 5 MR. FOODY: Are you aware of other 6 cleanup sites where it's been used? 7 MS. TIERNEY: It's been used at other 8 cleanup sites. I'd have to check. An LNPL site 9 has used it, I think at least one. 10 MR. FOODY: Did they run into problems 1 1 with it? 12 MS. TIERNEY: I'm not sure. I am not 13 even sure if there is an LNPL site that's used 14 it. 15 MR. FOODY: Fegardless of whether it's an LNPL site, if we have a contaminated area that 16 17 has used it successfully, I don't understand 18 where there would be any question of implementing 19 this program versus the one that's 5.2 million 2.0 dollars more, which is what your primary 21 recommendation is. 22 MR. WILLMAN: I want to address your 23 question, if I could. I believe this process, 24 the in situ thermal desorption has been used at

other cleanup sites. In addition, this type of a process came from the oil business and they used it in very deep, very far underneath the ground and used it to collect oil and then basically put it in barrels, shipped it off, put it in our gas tanks later.

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So as a lot of processes for cleanup have come from the oil industry, this is one of them. Also, it works very well in the oil industry and it's just recently starting to move into environmental cleanups. So while it has been studied at other sites and it has worked, we're not sure whether it will work at this site.

That's what we are going to be doing over the next year, year and a half is to test, do a pilot test, see if it will work.

MR. FOODY: Have you notified anyone as to what their concerns are with respect to this process as to why you think it would not work here?

MS. TIERNEY: No. You know what, to answer your question, we simply don't have the information on this. I mean we come to the

public, say we are recommending a cleanup, we have to have reasons to believe it will work.

There has to be a basis for it.

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The reason that we would have to give -we said this is what we want to do, the vendors
told us it would work. We don't -- it's a
subsidiary of Shell. The oil company has sort of
invented this technology and is pushing it. They
believe it will work, but we simply don't have
the documentation yet.

Now, as far as do we have particular concerns in mind, it's a high water table area. That's one concern. So when you are putting heating rods down in the ground, you don't want to be spending tons of money just driving off water. So that might be one problem. And, you know, nothing else really comes to mind. The type of soil might be a problem, we just haven't looked into it, but we are going to.

You can go ahead. Okay. This is just a diagram of the in place temperature thermal desorption. You are sending heat out into the soil, you are collecting vapor through these wells. What is on the right over there is a

little tiny treatment plant above the ground.

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You can go ahead. And this is actually one of the diagrams from Shell's company called TerraFirm. Down on the bottom on the right, that's the diagram showing wells that would be placed like heating rods into the ground. You can see that it's then routed up to an above-ground system where it's treated.

Go ahead. This was a table in the proposed plan that was sent out. It's not very clear. But just to point out sort of for review or if you haven't read it, what the EPA is required by law to look at in looking at these alternatives, the two main ones are whether they protect human health and the environment, that's one, the main criteria; the second criteria that's also really important is whether this cleanup option will be in compliance with State laws, Federal laws, regulations. And then the other criteria that we have to look at are the long term effectiveness of permanence, whether the cleanup option reaches the toxicity and the mobility and the volume of the contaminants. Wе look at the short-term effectiveness.

Implementability, whether it will work at a particular site, whether the technology is there. Cost is another concern. The eighth criteria is state acceptance. See, we work closely with the Illinois EPA and they give us their feedback. And then the ninth one is community acceptance. That's why we're asking for your comments about the option.

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This was another table in the proposed plan. This is another way of looking at the cost effectiveness. You want to look or compare the cost per the amount of oil removed. You can get -- you can look at the cost in a different way. And if you want to take a closer look at this table, it's in the proposed plan, we can get you a copy of it. Basically you see the three alternatives that we recommended, the primary one, then the two possible ones are the ones that turn out to be most cost effective in that sense. I think that's it.

So that was just the overview of the actual technologies. Like I said before, if you want to talk about why we didn't say no action or what risks we found out there, we can talk about

that either after the meeting or at another meeting.

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MR. BLUM: What we are trying to do now, if you have some specific questions you want answered regarding what Mary went over, if something just came to mind, we'll take a couple minutes to do that before we move into the formal comment period.

A lot of what Mary went over is in this fact sheet. This is actually a highlight of the proposed plan. If you want to do more in-depth reading on the proposed plan, the entire proposed plan is available in the information repositories. Maybe it's late at night, you can't get to sleep, you are looking for something that will do it; well, those will do it. And those repositories are located at the Burr Ridge Village Hall, the Lemont Village Hall and the Downers Grove Township Hall.

I also want to -- well, first do we have any questions that you'd like Mary to clarify on what she just went over?

This is kind of a formal hearing we are having tonight. A copy of the transcript is

going to be available in these information repositories as part of the public orders, so we want to record all of tonight's proceedings.

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A CONCERNED CITIZEN: When you illustrate where this soil is lying on the water table in the ground, it appears that the area was still partially in the alleged cleanup site in earlier presentations. I was at one at College of DuPage last fall. In the illustration in this book, I understand this is just printed matter, it appears to have moved completely off the Lenz site or is that an illustration error?

MS. TIERNEY: Actually it's a slightly different illustration, so you probably didn't recognize it.

CONCERNED CITIZEN: I didn't bring the previous picture. It's moved off the cleanup area, but it has not moved off the Lenz site. I guess that answers the question. Regardless of what the diagram shows, has it moved?

MS. TIERNEY: When you saw it last time, the drawing last time showed it had moved south of Jeans Road.

CONCERNED CITIZEN: Your contention is

that this soil is moving closer and closer to the Des Plaines River, correct? Is that what was told to us before at College of DuPage?

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MS. TIERNEY: Closer and closer it has moved. I mean Lenz, Mr. Lenz didn't have oil tanks on the houses -- property across the street, right?

CONCERNED CITIZEN: I understand.

MS. TIERNEY: It has moved from the former Lenz Oil facility south. So in that sense, you know, it is moving.

CONCERNED CITIZEN: Moved closer to the DesPlaines River?

MS. TIERNEY: It has moved between the last meeting and this meeting. No, we didn't intend to make it sound as if it's moving.

CONCERNED CITIZEN: At a quicker rate of speed? I thought that the environmental concern would be this ground water, contaminated ground water is moving towards the DesPlaines River which could cause more of an effect on the environment further down, not that the junk yards on either sides of the Des Plaines River aren't doing the same thing.

1	My concern is that in 1988 when this	
2	problem was investigated at the Lenz site, you	
3	dug down deep enough, you would have gotten some	
4	of this out. Is it just this already moved out	
5	off the site?	
6	MS. TIERNEY: You are right.	
7	CONCERNED CITIZEN: I wanted to clear	
8	that up.	
9	Another question of mine is what are all	
10	those barrels doing in that caged in area on the	
11	Lenz site?	
1 2	MS. TIERNEY: That's a good question.	
1 3	CONCERNED CITIZEN: What's in them?	
14	MS. TIERNEY: When we go out there and	
15	drill wells, the contractors are required to wear	
16	those white moon suits. That's a lot of what's	
17	in there. When they take those off, they have to	
18	put them there.	
19	CONCERNED CITIZEN: They are kept on	
20	site?	
2 1	MS. TIERNEY: They are in a fenced area	
22	right now.	
23	CONCERNED CITIZEN: I see them every	
2 4	time I drive by. I was concerned there are these	

barrels sitting on this waste oil site everybody
is worried about.

MS. TIERNEY: They will be taken off.

CONCERNED CITIZEN: They are not

leaking, are they?

MS. TIERNEY: No, unless you have seen something I haven't. When they pump the wells, there's like decon water, purge water. That is a concern of ours, though, too. We do want to get those barrels off the site.

CONCERNED CITIZEN: Whose are they? Do they belong to the Illinois EPA, do they belong to -- they don't belong to Lenz because he's long gone. They don't belong to Charles Russell.

MS. TIERNEY: It's sort of a hard question to answer. Lenz is gone. The Illinois EPA, US EPA, these private companies are trying to investigate the area and come up with a cleanup. So in the process of investigating, we have generated those drums. Now, if you have to say that the US EPA owns them or Illinois EPA or those private companies that are paying, probably none of the three parties would want to say I volunteer. I am not really sure legally what the

answer is.

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CONCERNED CITIZEN: I was just curious.

MS. TIERNEY: That's a good point. They are not leaking or anything, but it's something we don't intend to keep there. We wish that we would have gotten rid of them earlier.

MR. BLUM: What I'm going to do now is move forward. We are going to open the formal public comment period. I want to go back, though. I want you to know you do not have to submit your comments tonight. You have a chance to do so orally. The court reporter is here to record them.

The comment period runs until August

28th. You can submit them by E-mail, you can fax
them, mail them to the address, you mail them to
me, it's located in this fact sheet. You can
also phone me, if you want. I take dictation. I
shouldn't say that. Somebody might call up with
a ten-page document they want me to hand write.

Anyway you can fax them to me, you can E-mail them to me, send them through the regular mail. The comment period runs through August 28th. Sir?

1 MR. BIELAWSKI: Allen Bielawski again. 2 When was the proposed plan actually 3 issued to the public? 4 MS. TIERNEY: Let's see. MR. BLUM: Well, it was issued a couple days before the comment period actually opened. 6 It was made available at the information 7 repositories. This fact sheet was also mailed 8 9 out to people on the mailing list. 10 MR. BIELAWSKI: I received a copy on 11 August 3rd. It says July 1998 on it. I was just 12 wondering when officially it was put into the 13 repository. I am talking about the proposed plan 14 as opposed to the fact sheet. 15 MS. TIERNEY: The proposed plan was 16 mailed on July 29, I believe, or July 28. 17 REV. BERGMARK: I placed it in the 1.8 Lemont repository on August 4th. We received it 19 by Federal Express. I can't speak for the other 20 two repositories. 21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: July 30th in Burr 22 Ridge. 23 MR. BLUM: That's the actual proposed 24 plan document, not the fact sheet.

What I should suggest, during the formal public comment period, I would think you'd want to submit that as part of the record. We will address that.

MR. BIELAWSKI: We probably will request a short extension of the comment period to submit written formal comments.

MR. BLUM: I apologize for that because that is not how the system is supposed to work.

MS. TIERNEY: We are required to give 30 days.

MR. JAWOR: John Jawor, J-A-W-O-R. I did not receive any mailing nor notice of the facts or proposed plan until roughly August 12th of this month. We would also be joining in making a request for a short extension of time of the proposed comment period.

MR. BLUM: Okay. What we'll -- here is what I am going to do. I am going to open up the comment period. Again things like that, why don't we make them formal for the record right now at this point. I am going to open up the formal comment period. I want you to please stand up, state your name, speak slowly and

clearly for the court reporter and spell your name, also.

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This gentleman right here?

REV. BERGMARK: Reverend Glenn Bergmark, the Village of Lemont. We will reserve the right to make public or specific public comment until the Village Board can hear a report from the Environmental Advisory Commission at this level.

There's one further personal comment I would make. At the time of the remediation originally back in 1986, '87 and '88, an oversight committee was developed from the community and that community involved townships, villages, unincorporated areas, technical expertise, Argonne National Laboratories, others were involved. I would recommend very strongly that US EPA seriously consider again establishing a local oversight committee to watch and monitor exactly what's being done, the purpose of which would be to report back to the communities exactly what's going on.

MR. BLUM: Thank you.

Did you want to make your comments for the record?

MR. BIELAWSKI: Allen Bielawski,

B-I-E-L-A-W-S-K-I. We will be -- I represent

Commonwealth Edison company. We will requesting

a short extension of the comment period. I'm not

certain right now exactly how long, but it would

be to accommodate the formal comments we intend

to submit in response to the proposal.

MR. JAWOR: My name is John Jawor,

J-A-W-O-R. I represent Chicago Roto Print and

W.F. Hall, amongst other potential parties at
this site. We'll also be joining in a request

for an extension of time for the comment period.

MR. FOODY: Richard Foody, F-O-O-D-Y. I represent Romines Standard. We will also be joining in the request for the extension of time.

I'd also point out that we received a fact sheet but did not receive the balance of the information at all. We didn't receive the plan at all, just the fact sheet.

MR. BLUM: Okay. Well, anyway I should address that. The entire proposed plan does not go out to the general public. Those are in the repositories. It's a very large and voluminous

1 document.

Anyone else like to voice their opinion on the proposed cleanup plan?

MR. TAMELING: Pete Tameling. Will we be notified how long that would be extended?

MR. BLUM: Yes. We will have to -- we will be publishing an ad in the newspaper and I believe we have to do another. I am just worried the extension, by the time I will have -- at the minimum we will be publishing ads in local newspapers granting the extension of the comment period. And I will contact you and Mrs. Williams personally.

MS. CARUSIELLO: Is this the time to ask questions or just to make comments?

MR. BLUM: I am still trying to get comments. However, if there's no more comments I am going to close the formal public comment period.

Thanks for bearing with me through that. I know it's kind of awkward, but it is required. I would like to go over some more questions now. If you have other questions for Mary or Jerry, feel free.

MS. CARUSIELLO: I wanted to ask what is the planned future use of the property?

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MS. TIERNEY: Well, it's zoned at commercial, light industrial I think is the designation for the actual former Lenz Oil facility. Across the street, across Jeans Road, that area is also zoned that same classification, but right now there's a residence on it. So that residence is grandfathered in and the next purchaser could use it as residence.

So what we did was we assumed that someone would keep living on that land south of Jeans Road. And we also did look at the possibility of someone -- of a zoning change on the site itself. You know, someone building a house, we looked at the risks for that. But right now it's commercial/industrial.

MR. BLUM: If there's no more questions, I guess I am going to call an end to the meeting. If you have questions, you want to hang around, we'll make ourselves available.

If I could ask you, sir, to get your name and address. Anybody else requesting additional information, whatever, please come up

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